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11 JAN 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Director of Information Services

SUBJECT:

OIS Weekly Report (4-10 January 1984)

A. Progress Reports

1. As reported in our Weekly of 21 December 1983, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) reopened a classification question involving the public release of certain 1961 CIA-related testimony which had been given in executive session. The Office of Legislative Liaison (OLL) is trying to arrange a meeting between representatives of the staff of the SFRC and representatives of IMS/DO and CRD to discuss the issue. It is the position of IMS/DO and CRD that the information remains classified and continued protection is warranted. The issue focuses on the SFRC's erroneous assumptions (a) that the Committee has the prerogative to make its own determination concerning the disposition of classified information in its possession but originated by an agency in the executive branch and (b) that the material was previously declassified and accessed to NARS, ergo reclassification is inappropriate. In reviewing the documents, CRD determined that the material in question was never declassified and remains properly classified. The underlying issue is whether or not the legislative branch has the right to determine the declassification of classified material originated and provided by the executive branch.

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B. Items/Events of Interest

25X1 1. Senior staff and various career panel members attended a briefing by a member of IMS/DO on the IMS career development program. As OIS deals with a similar product and employs like people, we were able to glean some interesting ideas from IMS' experiences. []

25X1 2. The Director and Deputy Director, OIS attended a joint briefing by OCR and OD&E staff members on BIOSTAR, an OD&E developmental project to automate the CRS biographic registry. The proposal includes many aspects such as the development of optical scanners to convert multi-size, poor quality, hard copy documents into digital formats and the use of temporary storage via magnetic tape prior to conversion to permanent storage on optical disc. Although a very expensive project, the system has potential application elsewhere in the Agency where high volume permanent records are maintained; for example, Official Personnel Folders, security files, and the vital records program. []

25X1 3. Drafts of [] Comparative Evaluation Board and Panel Process, are being prepared for Agency-wide circulation for concurrence. A major problem has to be addressed because both the Directorates of Intelligence and Science and Technology have taken exception to the new policy set forth in the regulation establishing only four categories for evaluation. The Office of Personnel states that the Agency-wide Task Force addressing this issue has not resolved the problem. Obviously further discussion will be held during final coordination. []

25X1 5. The Agency-wide Task Force looking for classified information in material published by officials with access to official government secrets, but not required to submit to prepublication review, has completed the review of 422 articles, 22 monographs, and six books. No classified information has been discovered. []

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25X1 6. Issuances of particular interest processed this week by RCD
25X1 included notices regarding the relocation of the Offices of General
Counsel, Medical Services, and Security [] a notice
announcing new procedures to enhance the security at the Headquarters
compound, and a notice announcing Mr. Art Buchwald, noted columnist, as
an Agency guest speaker on 7 February 1984. There is currently a total
of 124 jobs being processed. []

25X1 C. Significant Anticipated Activities

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25X1 ③ A separate IPD report with other information is attached. []

25X1 D. → Attachment:
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